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BP Minerals May Begin Mining Gold In Oquirrh Near Copperton in '89

BP Minerals America, formerly Kennecott, might begin mining gold in the Oquirrh Mountains northwest of Copperton early next year.

The Salt Lake County Planning Commission Tuesday changed zoning on 2,320 acres from agricultural to manufacturing to allow mining and processing.

But ground cannot be turned without use permits from the state and Salt Lake City-County Health Departments and county planning,

cautioned Chairman Chandler St. John.

The company expects to take 70,000 ounces of gold annually from its Barneys Canyon and Melco mines over the project's eight-year life.

In a presentation to planners earlier this month, company officials noted the project would create 200 jobs paying salaries and benefits of \$8 million a year. State and local taxes should total about \$2 million yearly.